

REMARKS

Elections/Restrictions

The Examiner has restricted the application under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I - Claims 2, 14-17, and 37-41 drawn to formula II.

Group II - Claims 3, 18-21, and 42-46 drawn to formula III.

Group III - Claims 4, 22-25, and 47-51 drawn to formula IV.

Group IV - Claims 5, 26-29, and 52-56 drawn to formula V.

Group V - Claims 6, 30-32, and 57-60 drawn to formula VI.

Group VI - Claims 1, 7-13, and 33-36 drawn to formula I.

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. If Applicant elects Group I through VI, applicant needs to select one of the following species:

- a) **Hydrophilic Polymer**: Applicant must elect hydrophilic polymer P (see claims 22 and 26 for examples of polymers).
- b) **Linking Group L**: Applicant must elect a type of linking Group L. For example, if the linking group contains an ester, carbonate, ether, amido, amido ester, carbamate, or acetal group ect. (see claim 25 for example).

The Applicant elects Group VI - Claims 1, 7-13, and 33-36 drawn to formula I without traverse. Applicant elects a single species wherein P is polyethylene glycol and L is an ester group.

Conclusion

This is a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for one month from May 1, 2010 to June 1, 2010. Applicant is a small entity; therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the cost of the one month extension.

No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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